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SOLUTION, IN PARTICULAR OF LACTOSERUM OR OF
AN ULTRAFILTRATION PERMEATE OF LACTOSERUM

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant herein summarizes the telephone interview held between the Examiner, the Supervisory Examiner and Kenneth F. Florek, applicant's authorized representative, on August 18, 2008 in the above-identified patent application.

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Nikki H. Dees and Supervisory Examiner Carol Chaney for extending the courtesy of holding a telephonic interview on August 18, 2008 with the undersigned attorney for applicant.

No specific claims were discussed during the interview. Rather, the undersigned generally discussed with the Examiner perceived deficiencies of the prior art, possible amendments and improved results using the present claimed invention.

More specifically, the undersigned noted that Noel teaches a proton exchange with divalent cations prior to a possible exchange of the protons for K^+ and/or Na^+ and suggested the possibility of excluding the intermediary proton exchange step. The undersigned also noted that a combination with Saska et al. did not take into account the second step of the claimed process, i.e., replacement of anions with monovalent anions and the order of the exchanges, with the anion exchange occurring simultaneously with or prior to the cation exchange. The Jönsson reference was discussed as distinguishable based on the use of an ammonium exchange rather than a Na^+ and/or K^+ exchange.

The possibility of submitting a showing, in which the order of the reactions, either simultaneously or with the anion replacement first, was also generally discussed. The Examiner indicated that any such showing would be considered.

Agreement was not reached with respect to the claims pending in the application. The interview was concluded by the undersigned indicating that a written response may be submitted based on the above if the client was in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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